



CITY of WILMINGTON

North Carolina

P.O. BOX 1810
28402

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
(910) 341-7810
FAX (910) 341-5839
TDD (910) 341-7873

10/17/2007

City Council
City Hall
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

A proposal to submit a grant application to the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Boating Infrastructure Grant program is being made. This grant funds improvements to boating facilities used by transients. The lack of shower facilities on the City's waterfront has negatively impacted the increased use of our docks.

The requested grant funds of \$68,000 (\$17,000 City match) will be used to build men's and women's shower facilities. The covered space located south of the Visitor's Center in Riverfront Park will be used for the expanded services. Additionally, City staff proposes adding \$68,000 to the City Capital Improvement Program for FY 08-09 to expand the existing public rest rooms. The rest room expansion and the shower facilities will utilize approximately forty percent of the open covered space. This grant application is enthusiastically endorsed by the Cape Fear Power Squadron, Wilmington Harbor Enhancement Trust (WHET), and Cape Fear Riverwatch.

Passage of the attached Resolution is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

Sterling B. Cheatham
City Manager

Resolution



City Council
City of Wilmington
North Carolina

Introduced By: Sterling B. Cheatham, City Manager

Date: 10/17/2007

**Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an Application for a
Boating Infrastructure Grant For Boater Facilities**

LEGISLATIVE INTENT/PURPOSE:

The City of Wilmington has developed over 1,000 feet of transient boating dockage over the past fifteen years. The development of this dock space has bolstered visitation to the City's waterfront by transient boaters. A key component of the docking program which the City currently does not possess is shower and restroom facilities for boaters.

The Boating Infrastructure Grant program under the management of the US Fish and Wildlife Service provides funds to support improvement of services for transient boaters. The City proposes to submit a grant in the amount of \$68,000 of which \$17,000 will be the City match. The funds will be used to build men and women's shower facilities in the covered space located south of the Visitor's Center and associated rest rooms in Riverfront Park. Additional funds (\$68,000) will be requested in the FY 08-09 Capital Improvement Program for expansion of the public rest rooms.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City Manager be authorized to proceed with a grant application to the Boating Infrastructure Grant.

Bill Saffo, Mayor

Adopted at a _____ meeting
on _____, 2007.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney